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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: JOHN H. HAYES

Serial No.: 10/032,739

Filed: JANUARY 2, 2002

Title: MATTRESS AND BEDPAN CUSHION SYSTEM

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

PETITION TO RESTART RESPONSE TIME PERIOD TO
NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petitioner filed the above-identified application on January 2, 2002, a copy of the date-stamped postcard being attached as Exhibit A. The executed Declaration submitted with the application indicated that all communications should be sent to the undersigned's law firm at Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.O. Box 14300, Washington, DC 20044-4300. No filing receipt was ever received for the above-identified application.

On April 15, 2003, the undersigned file a Status Request asking for the status of the filing receipt (as evidenced by the attached date-stamped post card and Status Request of Exhibit B).

On April 18, 2003, the USPTO responded to the Status Request and indicated that it would be more than 15 months before the application was to receive a first Office Action due to its being classified in a technology that has

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experienced a large filing rate growth over the last few years (as evidenced by the attached USPTO communication of Exhibit C).

Subsequent to the USPTO communication, the undersigned counsel received Office Actions from the USPTO on two continuation-in-part applications that claimed continuation status from the above-identified application. Finding it unusual that the later filed CIP applications would have been acted upon by the USPTO prior to the earlier filed parent application, the undersigned began telephoning the USPTO to inquire about the situation.

On August 14, 2003 after having been directed to the Office of Initial Patent Examination (OIP) by an Examiner handling the later filed continuation application, the undersigned was informed that a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was allegedly mailed by the USPTO on January 31, 2002 in the above-identified application. Per the undersigned's request, the allegedly mailed Notice to File Corrected Application Papers was faxed to the undersigned on August 14, 2003, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit D.

The undersigned attests that this Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, while on its face bearing the proper P.O. Box mailing address, was never received at that address. That P.O. Box mailing address is specifically designated to receive any mail from the U.S.P.T.O. All mail received at the P.O. Box is first processed by our firm's docketing department. Our docketing department personnel confirmed that the Notice was never received. Had the Notice been received, a docket entry would have been made to file the corrected application papers in the firm's docket book on March 31, 2002, i.e., the two-month due date for filing the corrected papers based on the alleged mail date of

January 31, 2002. Also, an electronic entry would have been made in the firm's IP electronic docketing software system. A copy of the docket book entries for that day indicate that no entry was made since the Notice was never received (Exhibit E). Moreover, a printout of the electronic docket entry for the above-identified application confirms that the notice was not received as no electronic entry was made to file the corrected application papers (see Exhibit F).

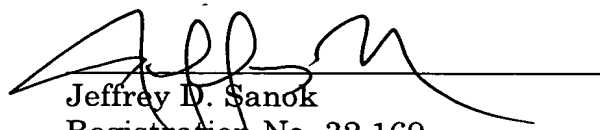
Based on the above facts, Petitioner respectfully requests that the response time period for the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers be restarted. Because the Notice requires that substitute drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84 be filed, those drawings are being submitted along with this Petition.

Upon granting this Petition, it is respectfully requested that the application be further processed and examined in due course.

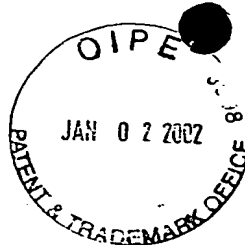
This Petition is accompanied by the petition fee in the amount of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h). However, Petitioner requests that this fee be refunded in view of the above facts. If there are any questions concerning this Petition or any further details that are required, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

October 7, 2003


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Today's Date:

January 2, 2001

Inventor(s): JOHN H. HAYES

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

Filing Date: December 31, 2001

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☒ Specification, including 36 claims (pages 22, plus specification front page)

☒ 10 Sheets of ☒ Drawings showing Figs. 1-19

☒ Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney

☒ Information Disclosure Statement including PTO-1449 Form w/ 17 references

☒ Check No. 222384 in the amount of \$ 514.00

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STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 15, 2003

Sir:

Our records indicate that we have not yet received a filing receipt in reference to the above-identified application. Please advise the undersigned of the status of the filing receipt. This application was filed January 2, 2002.

It would be appreciated if the undersigned's secretary, Preeti Thornton, were telephoned in the event there are any questions related to this Request or the application in general.

Respectfully submitted,



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We currently project that it will be more than 15 months before this application will receive a first office action. This is because the application is classified in a technology that has experienced a large filing rate growth over the last few years. The Office is addressing the growth by adjusting examination resources accordingly. You may wish to consult the MPEP (708.02) to see if filing a petition to make special is appropriate.

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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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DAILY DUE DATES

MARCH 31, 2002

CLIENT MATTER	WORKING ATTORNEY	TYPE OF RESPONSE DUE	DATE FILED	ACTION TAKEN	REVIEW ATTORNEY
037/44292	PPD	(Imo ext) Appeal Brief	3/21/02	Brief on Appeal, 3mo ext. Transl. of Germ. Pat.	PPC
12187/50640	DOE	Appeal Brief	4/1/02	Ex. DPA, Ex. As.	KC
12178/50621	VJS	Appeal Brief	3/28/02	Ex. DPA, Ex. As.	PPC
20982/49279	DDS	Quarto Response	3/17/02	Reply, COA.	PPC
178/50788	DOE	Appeal Brief		Polled	KC
089/43743	VJS	(Imo ext) Response ^{TBT}	4/1/02	Amended, 2mo ext.	KC
200/48697	VJS	(Imo ext) Response		Polled to 4/30/02	KC
38111/4466700	JFM	(Imo ext) Appeal Br		Polled 4/30/02	KC
852/48375	JFM	(Imo ext) Appeal Br ^{TBT}	4/1/02	Appeal Br, AF Reply, Imo ext.	KC
037/50490	WGA	(Imo ext) Mis. Parts		Polled to 4/30	KC

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125/44476	JFM	Response to OA		Polled to 4/30/02	KC
945/44533	GRE	Response to OA		Polled to 4/30	KC
1320/49256TR	JDE	Response to OA		Polled to 4/30	KC
957/16337	RS	Issue Fee	3/28/02	Issue Fee	JR
176/48797	JDE	Issue Fee	3/28/02	Issue Fee	JR
31316/446440	HIC/WBA	Issue Fee	4/1/02	Issue Fee, Mineral	KC
38711/436982V	JDS	Issue Fee	4/1/02	Issue Fee	KC
38711/436982V	JDS	Formal Dr.	4/1/02	Formal Dr.	KC
132/47734	JFM	Final / NOA	4/1/02	Notice of Appeal	KC
381KA/47678	WS	Final / NOA	3/26/02	Resp. after Final	JR
1185/10607	HIC/C78	Renewal	4/1/02	Renewal, Specimen	KC

ATTY/ATTY2	REFERENCE#	TITLE / MARK	CLIENT	REG/SERIAL#	ACTION	CURREN EXT	EXT AVAILABLE
DUE	PARA						
March '02							
30 Sat	JDS//DDE	47720 <i>tdr 4/1/02</i>	METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR DETECTI DaimlerChrysler AG	(US) 09/300,590	RESPONSE TO OA	1	2 Ex/1 Mnth
30 Sat	JDS//DDE	48116 <i>poll to 4/2/02</i>	PROCESS FOR DETERMINING AND PROCES DaimlerChrysler AG	(US) 09/410,348	STATUS CHECK	0	None
31 Sun	JDS//JFM	43698DV <i>3 tbf 4/1/02</i>	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SUPPLYING POW HITACHI, LTD.	(US) 09/504,116	FORMAL DRAWINGS	0	None
31 Sun	JDS//JFM	43698DV <i>3 tbf 4/1/02</i>	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SUPPLYING POW HITACHI, LTD.	(US) 09/504,116	ISSUE FEE	0	None
31 Sun	JDS/JJS/JFM	43743	REMOTE CONTROL SAFETY SYSTEM ACUMEN, INC.	(US) 09/272,309	RESPONSE TO OA	2	1 Ex/1 Mnth
31 Sun	JDS/RLG/DDE	50226	METHOD TO STEER THE VEHICLE AFTER FAI BMW Supplier No. 141 642-10	(US)	C/U FILE APPLICATION	0	1 Ex/1 Mnth
April '02							
01 Mon	JDS/SZ/DDE	51021	VEHICLE WITH A COMBUSTION ENGINE AND BMW Supplier No. 141 642-10	(US)	FILE APPLICATION	0	None

END OF REPORT

TOTAL ITEMS SELECTED = 7



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